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## CHIEF JUSTICE SEEKS WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SELECTED APPLICANTS FOR PER DIEM JUDGESHIPS

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon announced today that he is seeking public comment on selected applicants for per diem judgeships in the First Judicial Circuit, State of Hawai'i. The names listed below were among those recommended by the Committee to Evaluate Qualifications of Per Diem Judge in the First Circuit:

Nils P. S. Katahara  
Linda S. Martell  
John S. Mukai  
Alvin K. Nishimura  
Greg I. Nishioka  
Blake T. Okimoto  
Charla J. Ota  
Judith A. Schevtchuk  
Randal I. Shintani  
Shawna J. Sodersten

Anyone who would like to comment about the character and qualifications of any of the above-listed applicants should mail, fax, or deliver their written comments to:

Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon  
Supreme Court of Hawai'i  
417 S. King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
Fax: 539-4703

WRITTEN comments must be post-marked, faxed, or delivered **no later than FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2004**. Comments may be delivered to the Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 417 S. King Street (the building directly behind the Kamehameha statue, first floor). ALL COMMENTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

The chief justice is authorized, pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 604-2, to appoint per diem, or part-time, judges "to provide auxiliary judicial functions in the several districts of the State. Per diem district judges may engage in the private practice of law during their term of service, and shall receive per diem compensation for the days on which actual service is rendered based on the monthly rate of compensation paid to a district court judge." The appointment of per diem judges is not subject to Senate confirmation.

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